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STATE LIBRARY BOARD INITIATES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

To attract exceptionally well qualified young people to a career in public library service, the South Carolina State Library Board has established five scholarships of \$2500 each for graduate study in library science in the following universities: Louisiana State University, Rutgers University, University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of North Carolina.

Applicants must be United States citizens and be graduates of accredited colleges or universities. Other requirements are that the applicants evidence an interest in the library profession, have at least three months experience as a paid employee of a public library, be in good physical and mental health, and possess attributes desirable in the library profession.

Each candidate will be sponsored by a South Carolina public library which will guarantee a professional position on its staff upon the candidate's graduation from library school. In turn, the candidate must agree to return to a South Carolina public library serving rural areas for at least two years immediately following graduation.

For application forms and further details apply to The South Carolina State Library Board, 1001 Main Street, Columbia 1, South Carolina.

LIBRARY LEGISLATION

As the General Assembly nears adjournment, the following is a preliminary report on legislation affecting public library development.

An appropriation of \$7,000.00 has been made by the General Assembly to the State Library Board to provide library service to the blind.

Florence The Florence Public Library is established under its own board of five trustees appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the County Senator, by virtue of an act of the General Assembly. The new law establishes the library as an institution separate from the district school system, under which it has previously operated and provides a three mill tax for its support. The new board will accept title to the library property which is being transferred from the control of School District No. 1.

Allendale The Allendale County Library, a member of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library, was legally established by the passage of a bill providing for a nine member board to be appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of a majority of the Delegation. The annual library appropriation will continue.

Kershaw The Kershaw County Library has been reorganized under a new library law enacted by the General Assembly.

Beaufort A bill creating a Beaufort County Library, a new addition to the county library ranks, has been introduced. Funds for the support of the library are to be provided by an annual appropriation. A board of seven is to be appointed by the Delegation.

Dorchester Legal establishment of the Dorchester County Library will result from a bill under consideration. The bill provides for a library board of nine members to be appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the legislative delegation. Support will be via an annual appropriation.

Greenville The Greenville City and County Libraries are combined under a seven member board by a legislative bill. A 2-1/4 mill county levy is provided for support.

Laurens A bill providing for the legal establishment of the Laurens County Library with a seven member board has been introduced. Support will continue to be in the form of an annual appropriation.

Cherokee, Laurens, and Spartanburg Delegations have submitted bills authorizing their county libraries to enter into contracts and agreements with other county library boards of the state and the South Carolina State Library Board for the benefit and improvement of library service.

STATISTICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

If your library is serving a population of 35,000 and over, be on the alert for a statistical questionnaire from the Library Services Branch, Washington, D. C. You are urged to fill out and return the blank promptly. The Library Services Branch is again collecting selected annual data from all of the large public libraries--those serving populations of 35,000 and over, based on 1960 population.

STATE LIBRARY BOARD REFERENCE WORKSHOP

R. Bryan Roberts, Reference Consultant, assisted by Frances Reid, Field Service Librarian, conducted a workshop on basic reference material for the Anderson County Library personnel.

Film strips, lectures, and discussions were used to present information on dictionaries, almanacs, and encyclopedias. Sample reference questions were distributed and the participants answered them by using the volumes being studied.

Emphasis was placed on citing source of information in answering questions, knowledge of reference tools, and use of every factual title as a reference book.

CANADIAN VISITOR

Miss Alberta Letts, Director, Province Library, Halifax, Nova Scotia, was a visitor at the State Library Board Headquarters on April 20. Miss Letts is studying state library agencies and will visit other states before returning to Nova Scotia.

SLB STAFF ATTENDS MEETINGS

Estellene P. Walker and Dorothy Smith met with members of the House from Cherokee, Laurens, Spartanburg, and Union Counties to explain the regional library program.

Nancy Blair spoke at the spring workshop of the South Carolina section of the American Camping Association at Burnt Gin Camp on April 15.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE SCLA

The Membership Committee of the South Carolina Library Association invites all those who have not yet joined the Association to do so today. We feel that the Association has much to offer all persons interested in libraries and library services, for it works diligently to promote library interests and standards throughout the State. The Association needs YOU if it is to grow and continue to be effective. Won't you join now? Dues are \$2.00 per year and should be paid to: Miss Jane Wright, Treasurer, South Carolina Library Association, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

AWARD PRESENTED TO GREENWOOD CITY AND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A \$1,000.00 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award was presented to the Greenwood City and County Library on April 21, 1961. The award was established in 1959 by the Book-of-the-Month Club as a memorial to Mrs. Fisher. It consists of one grant of \$5,000.00 and nine supplementary grants of \$1,000.00 each for the purchase of books which are made each year to libraries in the United States selected by the Book-of-the-Month Club with the advice and cooperation of the American Library Association.

Greenwood qualified by submitting an application showing that the largest population unit served by the library did not exceed 25,000 and that there was public interest in and support of the library. The library was required to outline future plans for which additional books were needed and to have adequate space to shelve them.

Another requirement was that the State Library Board agree to provide consultant service if requested.

For the Greenwood presentation the Kiwanis Club of Greenwood was host at a luncheon at the Oregon Hotel. The speaker was Dr. J. M. Lesesne, President of Erskine College. In his address, Dr. Lesesne said that good libraries combined with schools and churches to make a town a fine one in which to live. Estellene P. Walker, Director of the South Carolina State Library Board, representing the Directors of the Book-of-the-Month Club, presented the award to Elizabeth L. Porcher, Librarian, Greenwood Public Library.

Since the awards are presented in connection with National Library Week, Mrs. Catherine H. Lewis, South Carolina Executive Director for National Library Week, was a guest as was Nancy Jane Day in her capacity as President of the South Carolina Library Association, which sponsors National Library Week in South Carolina.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 1961

Reports on National Library Week in South Carolina are incomplete but activities in the counties listed below indicate that there was much publicity and community participation involved in the observance.

Cherokee County under the Chairmanship of L. T. Hartzog seems to have had an outstanding observance. The Bank of Gaffney and several women's organizations contributed to defray the expenses of the Week.

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs sponsored an open house at the Cherokee County Library while the Cherokee Township Demonstration Clubs sponsored one at Blacksburg. There were two Dutch luncheons at which books were reviewed, an address at the Blacksburg Methodist Church sponsored by the Rotary Club and the women's clubs, special exhibits at the Cherokee County Library and appropriate programs at civic and social clubs. Displays were placed in windows of several business establishments. Wednesday was fine-forgiveness day and on Saturday, members of the Junior Woman's Club and the Gaffney Jaycees manned tables in the business section where non-members could apply for library cards.

In Calhoun County a discussion group for Cameron and St. Matthews High School students was held in the county library. The Garden Club Council decorated the library for the week.

Colleton County had a radio program presented by the High School Library Club. The County Ministerial Association stressed the need for thoughtful reading.

The Chapin Memorial Library, Myrtle Beach, had a fines-forgiveness week as part of its celebration.

The Lee County Library had an open house with decorations by the garden clubs. There was a daily radio program on one of which Mrs. George R. Muldrow, Librarian, explained the services of the library.

The R. H. Smith Branch of the Lexington County Library featured a "Light Up America Night" in connection with an open house.

Marlboro County Library had an exhibit of books from Gittman's Book Store, Columbia. Local garden clubs decorated the library and there were displays in windows of business firms of Bennettsville.

The Pilot Club of Walhalla sponsored an Oconee Friends of the Library Dinner on April 19. Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist, Library Services Branch, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, was the principal speaker.

The Richland County Public Library had exhibits of new books and was the subject of a series of full page spreads in both the State and the Record newspapers.

Sumter had a sponsoring committee composed of outstanding citizens, business, professional, and educational leaders.

Kingstree Carnegie Library had exhibits featuring different subjects each day.

WRITE FOR THESE

A copy of an information sheet, "How to Write to Publishers for Promotional Material or Information" is available for a stamped, self-addressed envelope from The Children's Book Council, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Its purpose is to provide guidance for the teachers and librarians who regularly make requests to publishers. Not only will its instructions make the job of the publisher easier, but this in turn will expedite replies.

McGraw-Hill Company (330 West Forty-Second Street, New York 36, N. Y. , Attention: Whittlesey House Books) has assorted bookmarks featuring picture books.

If you do not have the April 1960 Wilson Library Bulletin on file, write for Weisjohn, Rhyllis, Bulletin Board Display, which is reprinted from it. This is the first of a series of WLB Guides to be published by The H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, N. Y. Copies are available at \$2.00 for ten copies.

A limited number of sets of 10 prints from the LOST STATESMEN portraying the American statesmen are available free upon request. Write Miss Pauline Belmont, Juvenile Editor, Reilly and Lee, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Address Omitted: The Address of Nature Centers for Young America, Inc., which will place libraries on the mailing list for Discovering Nature booklets is 10 East 40th Street, New York 16, N. Y. Mrs. Elberta C. Thompson is the Administrator.

A card to The Magafile Company, Post Office Box 3121, St. Louis 30, Missouri, will obtain a sample Magafile, a practical and economical file for unbound magazines and pamphlets, with a complete description and price list.

"Young Feet on the Road", a recorded and illustrated lecture by Frances Clarke Sayers, stressing the importance of learning to love good books in childhood, is available upon request. This film-strip and phonograph record was made available to the State Library Board from the F. D. Compton Company.

"The Greatest Gift You Can Give Any Child -- His Own Library Card", which appeared as a Book Week advertisement in the New York Times has been reproduced as a 6" X 9" poster. It is free to any librarian by writing: School and Library Department, Coward-McCann, 210 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Runners-up for the Newbery Medal were: Johnson, Gerald, America Moves Forward (Morrow, \$3.95), Schaefer, Jack, Old Ramon (Houghton, \$2.50), and Selden, George, The Cricket in Times Square (Farrar, \$2.50). The runner-up for the Caldecott Medal was Lionni, Leo, Inch by Inch (Obolensky, \$3.50).

Jesse Stuart, poet of the Kentucky mountains, has won the 1961 \$5,000 Award of the Academy of American Poets for distinguished poetic achievement.

The Edison Foundation has chosen Margaret O. Hyde's Animal clocks and compasses; from animal migration to space travel (Whittlesey House, \$2.95) as the "Best Children's Science Book" of 1960.

Janine by Robin McKown (Messner, \$2.95) has received the Child Study Association Award.

The third Aurianne Award of the American Library Association has been awarded to Agnes Smith for An Edge of the Forest (Viking, \$3.00).

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I've never been so insulted in my life!

Yesterday morning I called the library to ask that some books on a subject my son was studying be held until I could get there to pick them up. The little snip who answered the phone said they'd be glad to show me where the books on that subject were and I could make my own selection. I didn't have time for that and besides, other students' mothers could get there and get all the books before I got there.

My mother worked long and hard for this library and I feel that I'm due some consideration. Don't you think I'm

Righteously Indignant?

Dear Righteous:

That's a misnomer for anyone so wrong! You're one of the reasons a telephone is a mixed blessing. What do you think would happen if every student's mother and everybody who's as lazy as you evidently are phoned the library for what almost amounts to curb service? One result would be that people who use the library properly would get no help, no new books could be ordered and prepared for circulation and general bedlam would result.

Why drag in your mother? She was probably working for a library for all the people--not for special privileges for her daughter. What have you done for the library lately--except whine because you didn't get the red carpet treatment?

Avoid ulcers--blow off steam by writing to Anne Library! She'll never divulge your identity. You may even use a pseudonym.

SEEN HERE AND THERE

Don P. Herd, Resident Director, University of South Carolina Extension Center, Lancaster, South Carolina, presenting a copy of his paper on Dr. John P. Barratt, physician and scientist who lived in what is now Greenwood County, to the Greenwood County Historical Society collection at the Greenwood City and County Library.

The Pee Dee Society, Children of the American Revolution, at Bennettsville studying the Marlboro County Library at their April meeting.

Lorraine Sexton, assistant, Georgetown County Library, planning to resume her studies at Winthrop College in June.

Dorothy Smith, State Library Board Coordinator of Field Services and a delegation from the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library staff visiting the new Augusta Library to study technical processes and circulation procedures. The group from Aiken consisted of Josephine Crouch, Regional Director, and Mrs. R. P. Murtha, Mrs. Hilda K. Stabovitz, Mrs. H. R. Busch, Mrs. F. C. Mobley, and Mrs. J. C. Gullion.

The Clover Woman's Club sponsoring the weekly story hour at the Kings Mountain Township Library.

The Greenville AAUW receiving an achievement award for the formation of the Friends of the Greenville Public Library. The award was presented at the Annual meeting in Florence.

The Barnwell Coin Club meeting the first and third Monday evenings of each month at the Barnwell County Library.

Mrs. John E. Flanigen succeeding Mrs. Marc Hauenstein as librarian of the Kingstree Carnegie Library. Mrs. Hauenstein resigned to join the Kingstree High School faculty.

Cherokee County Library being featured in Conservation Goes to School in South Carolina, a publication of the Soil Conservation Service. Nell Garrard, Librarian, and two of her borrowers are shown examining a display of books on conservation. The accompanying statement says "Adventure and excitement are available to children through the conservation books on library shelves."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

ALA Annual Conferences 1962-67

1962

Jan. 29 - Feb. 3	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
June 17 - 23	ALA Annual Conference, Miami Beach, Florida

1963

Jan. 28 - Feb. 2	ALA Midwinter Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
July 14 - 20	ALA Annual Conference, Chicago (Tentative date)

1964

June 28 - July 4	ALA Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri
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1965

July 4 - 10	ALA Annual Conference, Detroit, Michigan
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1966

July 3 - 9	ALA Annual Conference, New York City
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1967

June 25 - July 1	ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco
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